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Dear Dr. Hashim:

On behalf of the **Society for Developmental Biology** I would like to request your sponsorship for this year's Annual Symposium, as you so generously did last year. The Board of Trustees has decided to name some of the sessions after the contributor, for example, **CTR Plenary Session on** ____ and hopes that this will become a tradition. This will also demonstrate prominently our appreciation for your continuous support to the field of developmental biology and related topics.

The 1996 Symposium is entitled *Patterning Mechanisms in Developmental Biology*, and it will be held from May 30 to June 4, at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, TN. As you will see in the enclosed program, many outstanding American and international scientists will speak at this meeting, and no one is from the industry sector. We expect an attendance of at least 400 people, from the U.S. and abroad.

Please reply at your earliest convenience whether you will contribute with the same amount of \$1,000, and which one of the plenary sessions you choose to sponsor. You may also choose to sponsor the meeting in general, or specifically one of the following activities:

1. Support for prizes to winners of the best student/postdoc poster contest. Currently we cover the travel expenses of the first place winner to the British Society for Developmental Biology annual meeting representing **SDB** (exchange program with **BSDB**), a \$100.00 cash prize for the second place, and one year subscription of *Developmental Biology* to each of the first three winners.

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2. Travel support for student members who are the first authors presenting a poster and have traveled more than 500 miles to the meeting. We awarded a standard amount of \$100.00 to 49 students last year, in comparison to 20 students in 1994. This incentive, although small, has been helpful to bring more students to the meeting. We feel very strongly about encouraging the young minds to enter the ever more difficult and competitive field of basic research.

3. Support our Education Committee's activities at the Annual Symposium. This committee has conducted very well attended sessions in the last three meetings, addressing important issues in the field, from pre-college science education to training of graduate students and granting resources. As listed in the schedule, this year's program will hold workshops of successful hands-on exercises which may be used by both experienced and new teachers of developmental biology. The committee is also responsible for setting up the **SDB HomePage**, URL - <http://sdb.bio.purdue.edu>.

As done last year, we will provide you two *Sponsor* registrations, which will give your representatives access to all the scientific and poster sessions. Enclosed are two registration packages to be used by your representatives, should you decide to join us again in this exciting conference. The **Society** appreciates very much your support, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. My direct number is (202) 885-2193.

Sincerely,



Ida Chow, Ph.D.
Executive Officer

cc. Dr. William Jeffery, SDB President

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